financial resources internally to fulfil the coal production target by 2000 A.D.; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to meet the situation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) : The Planning Commission has not fixed any coal production target for the year 2000 A.D. The Planning Commission has, how ever, fixed a coal production target of 270.00 million tonnes for Coal India Ltd. for 1996-97, the terminal year of the Eighth Five Year Plan. To meet this pro duction target, the Planning Commission has approved an Eighth Plan Outlay of Rs. 8520.00 crores (at 1991-92 prices) for Coal India Limited. As this outlay has been fixed after taking into consideration the ability of Coal India Ltd. to generate financial resources internally, it is expected that Coal India Ltd. will be able to meet its coal production target fixed for 1996-97. Various efficiency measures like rationalisation in manpower, improvement in productivity, absorption of a part of escalation of input costs and annual revi sion of price of coal etc. are being adop ted by CIL to meet the future production targets.

Agreement with Australia for Coal Mining

1990. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 995 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th Nov. 1992 and state :

(a) whether any agreement with Australia has been signed;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the new coal mining technology would be adopted by the experts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) : An Agreement to implement Piparwar Integrated Mine-cum-Coal Beneficiation Project on turn-key basis was signed between Coal India Ltd. and White Industries Australia Ltd. on 28th September 1989. The sanctioned cost of this project is Rs. 542.43 crores including a foreign exchange component of Rs. 223.89 crores. The entire foreign exchange cost has been agreed to be financed under concessional Australian credit

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, The turnkey project development at Piparwar among other things includes technology transfer and training of Indian personnel.

Introduction of Management Information System in Coal India Ltd.

1991. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAIIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Coal India Ltd. has intro duced multi-dimensional Management In formation System with the aim to impart ing strict financial discipline and ensuring quality of production and consumer satis faction;

(b) if so, what are the redeeming features of the proposal and justification therefor over the existing arrangement;

(c) what is the Financial/operational cost of the proposal and foreign exchange invalued on this account; and

(d) what is the name of the Company with which deal has been finalised ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) : The existing Management Information System (MIS) of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) with its various facets of functional management is being revamped with networking and computerisation with the aim of having a faster flow of information. Revamped system would inter alia help in drawing up of a realistic coal loading plan for each individual consumer and ensure uniformity in colliery-wise consumer-sector-wise, grade/size wise demand satisfaction in a given time frame. Revamped MIS would enable the top management both at the CIL and at the subsidiary company headquarter to exercise proper management control and enforce financial discipline,